

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An optical pickup apparatus having an irradiation optical system for condensing a light beam on a track of a recording plane and a photodetection optical system for
5 guiding return light to a photodetector to detect a focal error includes a holographic lens provided in the optical path of the return light for outputting 0-th and ± 1 st order diffracted lights based on the return light; an optical element provided in front of or behind the holographic lens
10 for providing astigmatism; photodetectors for receiving the 0-th and ± 1 st order diffracted lights; and servo-signal generating operation circuits connected to the photodetectors for generating a first and second focus error signals having a first and second capture ranges
15 based on the output signal of the photodetector.